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ROSS CONFESSES TODIXON MURDER

Shelby, N. C., January 9.—John Ross, one of the trio of negroes, charged with the murder of Mr. and Mrs. John Todixon, of Cleveland county, on December 13, today confessed to the crime, implicating a white man, Frank Gladson, who was employed on the Todixon farm. Ross, in his confession, declares that Gladson paid him \$100 to murder Todixon, while Gladson simultaneously killed Mrs. Dixon. Robbery was the motive for the crime. Ross will be sentenced to-morrow.

HARMON IS HOT

Denies That Daughter Wrote Letter Saying He Had for Bryan's Defeat
Columbus, O., January 9.—Governor Harmon today denied printed statements that during Mr. Bryan's last campaign a young daughter of Governor Harmon wrote to a girl friend in Texas that "Papa hoped for Mr. Bryan's defeat, because it would make his own presidential prospects brighter."

The Governor said:
"My three daughters, all married, and left home long before the 1908 campaign. Not one of them ever had a girl friend in Texas.
"I have two granddaughters, but one of them was ten months and the other six years old in 1908.
"Neither in the family circle or elsewhere did I ever make the statement mentioned nor one of like import.
"This story would make me both a liar and a hypocrite, and with all my faults, I have never been either."

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Judge Phlegar on Auditorship

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

My interest as a citizen in the welfare of the State, and my high regard for the gentleman named herein, prompt me to ask some of your space on the question of "Who shall be the next Auditor of Public Accounts?"

The office requires—

First—An honest and intelligent man.

Second—A man whose experience with accounting and book-keeping enables him to know when accounts are properly audited and books properly kept.

Third—A man with sufficient firmness to compel settlements by all collectors of State revenue, at the times, and in the manner, required by law, without fear, favor or affection.

Fourth—A man who has paid sufficient attention to the State's finances to know the present condition and foresee the probable future needs, so that his reports may be of value to the people and of real aid to the General Assembly.

Fifth—A man who recognizes the most pressing present need of the people, economy in government expenses, and if possible a reduction, certainly no increase, of the present burden of taxation, and will use his knowledge in pointing out where and how the desired end may be attained.

Sixth—A man who will be courteous to all who have business in the office.

I have known Mr. Charles A. Johnston, of Christiansburg, since his boyhood, and believe there is no man in the State who more fully possesses the qualifications for the office than he does.

His enemies—they are few—do not question his honesty or intelligence. Those who know him best will testify most strongly in his favor on the first and sixth points named. He makes no pretenses, uses no blarney, and usually "gets there."

Over thirty years' experience as a store boy, accountant, salesman and partner in a successful general store in a thriving town has given him the second qualification and done much towards the third.

For more than six years he has been the adviser and guide of the County Treasurer of his county. Never have the affairs of that office been better managed. When he became interested in behalf of a new Treasurer things were in bad shape, warrants in arrear, taxes uncollected, accounts badly kept. I feel safe in saying that no Treasurer's office in the State is now in better shape than that of Montgomery.

This example and his known character give assurance that he possesses the third qualification.

In the last three sessions of the General Assembly he was on the Finance Committee of the House. There was no member on it, except the chairman, who took more interest in the affairs of that committee than Mr. Johnston, and I believe the chairman will say that no member was more helpful to him. He is as far from being a spendthrift in public or private affairs as any man can be who recognizes the difference between stinginess and economy, between liberality and profligacy.

With this experience and these traits of character, it is safe to say that he possesses the fourth and fifth requisites.

I earnestly hope the General Assembly will, in Mr. Johnston, give the State one of the best Auditors it has ever had.
January 9, 1912. ARTHUR A. PHLEGAR.

NOTE OF CAUTION IS SOUNDED BY BYRD

(Continued From Second Page.)

Some uniformity is brought about, because migration is not practical unless each county has enough real and personal property subjected to taxation to measurably support its purely domestic activities. To have a segregation plan upon the present unequal assessment would be to give a permanent and dishonest advantage to the larger-assessed counties. It is, therefore, apparent that the first step which must be laid in the foundation of the house of tax reform is the equalization of assessments. The Tax Commission has reported in favor of a permanent unpaid tax Commission, with a salaried commissioner upon whom the executive duties of the commission will be placed. It will be the duty of this commission to pass upon and co-ordinate the work of the local assessors, to establish in the various communities a standard of values and to give to the assessment and collection of State taxes a supervision which would stand the authority of the State itself. Unless this central authority is created and given the machinery necessary to make it effective, the old game of beggar my neighbor will go on between the counties, certain counties will continue to under-assessments to graft upon the State Treasury, and the demoralization of our financial system will continue indefinitely. As long as local assessors are controlled by local influences and are responsible to no State authority, assessment of certain counties will be kept low in order to shift the burden upon counties and cities more honestly assessed, and the present intolerable conditions will continue to exist. The primary is an evolution, first from the caucus, then the mass convention, then the delegate convention. It has come to stay. The Constitution of this State, which to-morrow we will meet to amend, provides by section 36 that the General Assembly shall enact laws for the purpose of securing the regularity and purity of primary elections, preventing and punishing corrupt practices in connection therewith. We are, therefore, impelled by our constitutional duty by the force of this enlightened public opinion, by an obvious necessity disclosed by demonstrated conditions in certain sections of this State to enact a comprehensive, efficient and clearly expressed primary law which will keep our constitutional promise to the people as well as the ear of those who desire pure politics in Virginia.

Our registration laws are in urgent need of amendment. There is ample relief afforded to the individual who is unjustly refused registration, but there is no effective remedy of this kind. The registration lists may be purged of names illegally placed thereon. This defect has been in some localities since the year 1905. The registration lists may be purged of names illegally placed thereon. This defect has been in some localities since the year 1905. The registration lists may be purged of names illegally placed thereon. This defect has been in some localities since the year 1905.

This General Assembly has an unequalled opportunity to accomplish great and enduring public service. With information before it of the most delicate character, it has its power to remedy long standing abuses, abuses which sap the collective strength of the State and prevent the orderly development of our institutions. If individual members will stand upon the broad principles of civil equity, if we are inspired by a whole body politic, if we can bring ourselves to recognize the rule of duty, upon the eternal altars of the common good, if we labor with a realizing sense of that most true and most noble

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Life Insurance Companies

They Are Closely Observing Public Health Conditions

An examining physician for one of the prominent Life Insurance Companies, in an interview on the subject, made the astonishing statement that the reason why so many applicants for insurance are rejected is because kidney trouble is so common to the American people, and the large majority of applicants do not even suspect they have the disease. He states that, judging from his own experience and reports from druggists who are constantly in direct touch with the public, there is one preparation that has probably been more successful in relieving and curing these diseases than any remedy known. The mild and healing influence of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its remarkable record of cures.

We find that Swamp-Root is strictly an herbal compound, and we would advise our readers who feel in need of such a remedy to give it a trial. It is on sale at all drug stores in bottles of two sizes—fifty cents and one dollar.

However, is your first test to test its wonderful merits, send to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle, absolutely free. When writing be sure and mention the Richmond Daily Times-Dispatch.

DECISIONS BY SUPREME COURT

Washington, January 9.—The grip of the Interstate Commerce Commission over the commerce of the country was tightened to-day through a series of decisions by the Supreme Court.

The principle was laid down that shippers suffering from civil injuries from railroads must go to the commission before rushing into the courts for relief.

The paramount authority of the commission in reasonable rate-making was upheld by the court in a decision that the Federal District Court of Minnesota was wrong in preventing the enforcement of the commission's reduced rates on lumber in the Pacific coast, Oregon and Montana points to St. Paul, Omaha and Chicago.

The light over the lumber rates had been the most exhaustive. The commission's rates eradicated substantial, if all the increase in rates, proposed by railroads from the Northwest in 1905. After a lengthy consideration of the attack upon the commission's order, Justice Lamar concluded that the court could not set aside the order because of the effect of the advance on the lumber industry, as suggested by the railroads, nor that there was no evidence to support the commission's rates.

The court laid down the principles that railroad dividends were not a basis for judging the reasonableness of rates, but that conditions as a whole were to be taken into consideration. The fact that the commission allowed a higher rate to Omaha than to St. Paul was said to be justified by previous rate distinctions between the cities by the railroads themselves. The validity of the Hepburn rate law was not involved.

Much attention was attracted to Justice McKenna's opinions, annulling the North Carolina law, which required railroads to receive goods for interstate transportation at the rates published by the proposed shipment or not. Justice McKenna referred to the interstate commerce law which forbids railroads to "engage" in transportation of goods until they had a fixed published rate. "If the carrier obeys the State law, he incurs the penalty of the Federal law," said the justice. "If he obeys the Federal law, he incurs the penalty of the State law. Manifestly one authority must be supreme when it speaks the other must be silent."

THE WEATHER.

Forecast Virginia—Fair Wednesday; Thursday, cloudy; Friday, cold and clear; Saturday, moderate west and north-west winds.

North Carolina—Fair Wednesday and Thursday; Friday, cold and clear; Saturday, moderate west and north-west winds.

Special Local Data for Yesterday.
12 noon temperature 24
2 P. M. temperature 29
Maximum temperature up to 5 P. M. 31
Minimum temperature up to 5 P. M. 21
Mean temperature 26
Normal temperature 38
Deficiency in temperature 12
Deficiency in temperature since January 1 174
Accum. deficiency in temperature since January 1 93
Rainfall last twenty-four hours06
Deficiency in rainfall since January 1 5.68
Accum. deficiency in rainfall since January 128

Local Observations 5 P. M. Yesterday.
Temperature 27
Humidity 63
Wind—direction S. W.
Wind—velocity 15
Weather Partly Clear
CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.
(At 5 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)
Place. Ther. H. T. L. T. Weather.
Asheville 22 24 10 Clear
Atlanta 20 28 18 Clear
Baltimore 20 30 20 Clear
Boston 18 44 15 Clear
Buffalo 8 18 8 Clear
Chicago 16 20 15 Clear
Cincinnati 38 42 28 Clear
Cleveland 40 44 30 Clear
Dallas 42 48 38 Clear
Denver 42 48 38 Clear
Detroit 32 36 28 Clear
Houston 42 48 38 Clear
Los Angeles 54 60 40 Clear
Louisville 34 38 28 Clear
Memphis 34 38 28 Clear
New Orleans 40 44 30 Clear
New York 14 28 14 Cloudy
Pittsburgh 8 10 2 Cloudy
Portland 28 32 20 Clear
St. Louis 16 28 10 Clear
St. Paul 16 20 10 Clear
San Francisco 54 60 40 Clear
Savannah 38 42 28 Clear
Spokane 20 26 12 Snow
Tampa 48 56 48 Clear
Washington 24 28 18 Clear
Winnipeg 20 24 30 Clear
Wytheville 14 20 8 Clear

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
January 10, 1912.
Sun rises 7:36
Sun sets 6:10
Moon rises 9:26
Moon sets 9:46

CHAMBER HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

Following Election of Officers, Members Attend Enjoyable Banquet.

CITY ALDERMEN IN SESSION

Bond Issue Ordinance Is Not Recalled—Other Petersburg News.

The Times-Dispatch Bureau.
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Petersburg, Va., January 9.
The annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held to-night in A. P. Hall Camp Hall, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Hatcher S. Seward; First Vice-President, G. C. Wright; Second Vice-President, E. C. Kent; Board of Governors, H. S. Seward, G. C. Wright, E. C. Kent, A. W. Gray, Edward E. Hunsberr, W. E. Poole, Richard H. Mann, F. M. Dalton, Paul S. Roper.

The president's report of the operations of the chamber during the past year, and containing many suggestions as to the future, was submitted. After the business meeting the members adjourned to the Stafford Hotel to partake of the annual banquet, which was an elaborate affair. Wm. H. McWhane acted as toastmaster, and among those who responded to the regular toasts were: Mayor George Cameron, Jr., W. F. Dabney, of the Richmond Chamber; the Rev. E. P. Dandridge, E. L. Quarles, of the Greater Baltimore Company; Chas. T. Lassiter, and others. Each speaker was assigned a special subject.

Eighty-seventh Annual Meeting.
The 87th annual meeting of the Petersburg Benevolent Association, organized in 1825, was held last night in the rooms of the association, and the following officers and directors were elected for the current year:

President, William E. Poole; Vice-President, John W. Hays; Secretary and Treasurer, William H. Baxter. Directors—C. E. Williamson, Dr. T. J. Burgess, T. J. Meredith, James J. Branch, O. W. Mattox, Robert L. Campbell, John E. Harvey.

The venerable and esteemed William H. Baxter was elected secretary of the association in 1861, and has held that office for fifty-one consecutive years—a recognition of his valuable and efficient services.

The report of the secretary and treasurer submitted last night, was a detailed statement of the debts and credits of the association, and shows a cash balance in the treasury at the beginning of the year of \$12,127.71.

After the business meeting the members adjourned to the Monroe Temple and partook of the annual banquet. The association is now building a handsome seven-story office and business structure on its property at Symore and West Tabb Streets, at a cost of \$125,000.

Petersburg Educational Association.

A meeting of the officers and committee of the Petersburg Educational Association will be held to-morrow night in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. An address will be delivered by J. H. Blinford, executive secretary of the Co-operation Educational Association of Virginia, who comes by invitation. Mr. Blinford's talk will be in the nature of instructions and suggestions as to the work of the Petersburg association.

Child Burned to Death.
William Jones, the three-year-old child of Eva Jones, colored, was burned to death early this morning in the mother's home on St. Matthew Street. The mother, it is said, left the two children in a room while she went out in the neighborhood to get some water. When she returned she found her child dead. His clothes had caught fire from the grate, and no one being present to aid him, he perished of his burns.

Meeting of Board of Aldermen.
The board of aldermen held its January meeting last night, with seven of the twelve members present. There was no recall of the bond issue ordinance which was defeated at the December meeting, and probably the ordinance will be allowed to sleep for some time at least. The important committee reports were submitted, and the business of the meeting was mainly routine. Reports of the City Treasurer, City Auditor and other officials were received and filed. Concurrence was voted in the action of the lower branch in advancing the

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Announcement of Prize Winners begins Friday Morning and thereafter daily until the seven First Week lucky ones are named.
SEVEN CASH PRIZES WEEKLY

I've tried all sorts of Ice Cream, Here's a Sample
In looking for the Best, And the "Velvet Kind," in every way, Is the kind that stands the test.
Now YOU Try

RULES AND CONDITIONS

This contest is absolutely free.
All First Week Jingles must be delivered at the Purity Ice Cream Corporation's office, Jefferson and Cary Streets, not later than 12 o'clock Thursday, January 11, 1912.
The name of the First Prize Winner will be published Friday, January 12th; the Second Prize winner will be published Saturday, January 13th; the Third Prize winner Sunday, January 14th, and each day thereafter the name of a prize winner will be published in rotation until the seven prize winners of the FIRST week contest have been printed.
As soon as the first week contest closes (Thursday, January 11th, at noon) the SECOND week contest will begin on that date and hour. Thus: After the first lot of jingles have been received there will be daily announcement of prize winners, in rotation, for the preceding week's contest, and we will receive entries for the next week's contest.
Jingles must be written plainly on one side of the paper only.
Jingles must not be more than four lines.
Write as many Jingles as you please.
Each jingle must contain the words "Velvet Kind" and refer to ice cream.
Each jingle must be written on a separate piece of paper.
Deliver as above personally or by mail, sign full name and residence address.

7 Prizes---Weekly

First Prize—Best Jingle, \$5.00 and one gallon Velvet Kind Ice Cream.
Second Prize—Next best Jingle, \$4.00 and one gallon Velvet Kind Ice Cream.
Third Prize—Next best Jingle, \$3.00 and half gallon Velvet Kind Ice Cream.
Fourth Prize—Next best Jingle, \$2.50.
Fifth Prize—Next best Jingle, \$2.00.
Sixth Prize—Next best Jingle, \$1.50.
Seventh Prize—Next best Jingle, \$1.00.

The above list of prizes, Cash and the Velvet Kind Ice Cream, will apply to each week's Jingle Contest until further notice. See Rules and Conditions. Read them carefully.

If you do not win a prize on the first week contest, try the second week.

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time of taking up the delinquent tax lists. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. R. Love, of the West End Baptist Church.
The wedding was a quiet event, a few immediate friends being present. The bride was escorted by Mr. Francis I. Kirk as maid of honor, and the bridegroom, by A. W. Hubbard as best man. The young couple left for the North on their bridal trip.

Died in Suffolk.

Nicholas Del Grande, a former well known resident of Petersburg, died this afternoon in Suffolk, where he had for some time been engaged in business. His wife, who survives him, was in Petersburg, and the remains will be brought here for burial.
The body of Morris E. Taylor, a former citizen of Petersburg, who died

in Richmond on Sunday, was buried in the Blakely Cemetery this afternoon, the Rev. L. C. Moore conducting the services.

Good Street Skating.

But for the roughness of the surface, skating was excellent on the street sidewalks of Petersburg today, and the sleighing in the roadways. The sleigh and rain of yesterday afternoon and last night, followed by a freeze, caused a solid ice covering, which could only be removed with an axe or hatchet.

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